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FT. TOTTEN SOLDIERS IN LAUNCH ON SOUND ALL NIGHT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ELIMINATES CASH BONUS ABOVE \$50

New Provision Will Permit Men to Borrow on Insurance Certificates.

MELLON FAVORS PLAN.

American Legion Leaders Also Declared to Accept New Proposal.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Unanimous agreement to eliminate the cash feature of the soldiers' bonus, except in the cases of men whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50, was reported to-day by the special sub-committee of Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee to which the whole bonus question was referred to yesterday.

In lieu of cash for other service men, it was agreed to add a new provision to the Bonus Bill under which the men accepting adjusted service certificates could borrow immediately on those certificates from Banks a sum equal to 50 per cent. of the total adjusted service pay, computed at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service.

Chairman Fordney of the committee said this plan was expected to meet with general approval since it enabled soldiers who may be in need to obtain cash immediately after the issuance of the certificates, would relieve the Treasury of any large cash payments during the enormous refunding in operations which must be carried out in the next two years and would place no additional tax burden upon the public.

Secretary Mellon is inclined to accept this new plan, it was said at the Treasury Department.

The Secretary has not studied the plan in full as yet, but he is said to consider it "the lesser of two evils." The new scheme is considered more acceptable because it places no drain on the Treasury funds.

American Legion leaders here are quoted as being satisfied with the insurance proposal, provided a workable insurance certificate plan, with the privilege of borrowing money on the certificate, is substituted.

At the same time, House leaders say that the proposed elimination of the cash bonus means two very important things:

1. Prevention of disturbances to the national finance system in the next two years when a stable situation is needed for refunding of maturing government securities.

2. Prevention of any move for pen-

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VASSAR STUDENTS SLIDE DOWN ROPE LADDERS TO STEAL TO FIRE

Girls Outwit Matron by Tying Bed Sheets Together and Fleeing.

WEAR NIGHT CLOTHING.

Warm Wraps Thrown Over Flimsy Apparel—16 Horses Perish in Blaze.

POUGHKEEPSIE, March 2.—Two hundred Vassar girls, denied permission to leave their dormitories at 4.30 o'clock this morning when fire was discovered in one of the barns of the college, formed improvised rope ladders with bed sheets and climbed from the windows of their rooms in fur coats, sweaters and other wraps hastily thrown over their night clothing. The spectacle all but diverted the attention of the fire fighters.

The barn, which housed sixteen horses, all the work animals owned by the college, was a total loss, the horses perishing. Fifteen hundred bushels of grain were put into the feed bins yesterday and a large quantity of hay was transferred to the barn lot. The fire is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion in the grain.

When the alarm was sounded the girls who attempted to leave the dormitories were ordered back to their rooms by the matron. But there were other methods of exit. First one and then another lowered themselves from their windows. In a short time 200 of the 1,300 young women students were racing over the half mile of frozen ground to see the fire. The flames, fed by the great store of hay and the dried timbers of the barn, were a hundred feet high and lighted up the country for miles around.

When the Poughkeepsie Fire Department arrived it was found that the large cistern was frozen solid and could not be used. The only thing the firemen could do was to see that the flames did not spread to other buildings. The sixteen horses perished.

In a nearby barn were some thirty riding horses used by the students. These never were in danger.

DR. HUBERT WORK SUCCEEDS HAYS

First Assistant, Named by Harding to Become Postmaster General, Is a Physician.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Dr. Hubert Work, present First Assistant Postmaster General, will succeed Will H. Hays as head of the Post Office Department, it was learned definitely to-day at the White House. Dr. Work, whose home is in Pueblo, Colo., will take over the Post Office portfolio Saturday when the resignation of Mr. Hays becomes effective. He is sixty-six years old.

Dr. Work, who lives in Pueblo, will be the second Colorado man to hold a place in the Cabinet. Henry M. Teller was Secretary of the Interior in 1888. Dr. Work is the first member of the medical profession to hold a Cabinet office.

The elevation of the Coloradan will leave the position of First and Second Assistant Postmaster Generals to be filled. E. H. Shaughnessy, who was Second Assistant Postmaster General just his life in the Knickerbocker Theatre disaster.

BRUNETTE NOW LEADER AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Blondes Ousted From Supremacy of Long Standing.

WELLESLEY, Mass., March 2.—Brunettes are in the ascendancy at Wellesley College. After a long standing blonde supremacy, Miss Olive Ladd of Lincoln, Neb., a young woman with black hair, has been elected mistress of the senior three-day exercises. The choice was by vote of the senior class. In the selection of aids to the mistress the class picked two blondes and two brunettes. Miss Caroline Ingham of New York, Dorothy Tower of Chicago, Elizabeth Woody of Louisville and Harriet Rathbun of Madison, N. J.

5,000 COMMUTERS IN MOVIE MIX-UP AT GRAND CENTRAL

Transit Board Takes Pictures to Show Congestion in the Rush Hours.

More than 5,000 commuters from the New York Central Railroad suburbs had their moving pictures taken by the Transit Commission in the Grand Central station of the Lexington Avenue subway this morning. The commission believes that as an exhibit of fifteen minutes in the life of a country-dwelling New Yorker the picture will prove valuable in establishing the truth of many of the complaints of discomfort, danger and unhealthfulness forced by lack of subway accommodations.

The camera men worked under difficulties. Time and again they were nearly swept off their feet and their cameras toppled in the swirling vortex of humanity and their eddies as the streams of embattled commuters struggled to reach the doors of the trains and get into them.

The blazing lights installed for the photography caused passengers to stop in their tracks, and when passengers stand still in the rush hour at the Grand Central the crowd multiplies from second to second. Many hundreds were trying to cross the platform from local to express trains or vice versa, and many other hundreds were intent on watching the movie people or getting into the picture. The police, under Inspector McGrath, were almost powerless to keep order, but they did prevent any serious accidents.

Some of the pictures were taken on the Lexington Avenue line, others around the shuttle trains that go to Times Square. Many a hat was wrecked, many a dress torn and many a toe trampled. But nobody needed a doctor.

Commissioner Roy T. Harkness said that ample police arrangements had been made in advance to cope with any disorder, and he insisted that there had been no serious disorder. The pictures were taken, he said, to be used as exhibits in connection with a move for better subway service.

PANIC THREATENED AS SUBWAY TIE-UP CLOGS PLATFORMS

East Side Express Breaks Down at Grand Central—Police and Guards Busy.

The breaking of a drawbar between cars of a Lexington Avenue express train on the downtown tracks at the Grand Central Station at 8.55 to-day caused a blocking of all express and a jamming of the station platforms, which required the utmost efforts of subway guards and policemen in averting a panic.

Thousands of commuters coming in from the Grand Central Terminal were packed into local downtown trains. In fifteen minutes the disabled train was moved by making an adjustment of the multiple control and within half an hour afterward traffic was merely as jammed and uncomfortable and unhealthful as is usual in the subway at that hour.

DID NOT STEAL KISS, SAYS JURY OF DISTRICT

Mrs. Rusan Loses Action for \$2,000 Damages.

A jury in the Bronx County Court before Judge Russell to-day returned a verdict in favor of Dr. Louis W. Cohen, a dentist, of No. 862 Jennings Avenue, who was sued for \$2,000 alleged damages by Mrs. Molly Rusan of No. 1423 Wilkins Avenue.

SOLDIERS ON REEF IN LAUNCH ALL NIGHT IN GALE

Party From Ft. Totten Lost on Long Island Sound Returning From Game.

2 RISK LIVES FOR AID.

Young Women Landed Before Mishap to Launch—Aid Comes at Daybreak.

Shipwrecked in New York City, nineteen soldiers from Fort Totten, L. I., and several civilians spent seven hours in a wind and wave and snow swept launch on a reef between David and Twin Islands in the Sound off the Bronx. The launch went aground while en route from Fort Slocum to Fort Totten.

Two of the men, at the risk of their lives, made their way to Hunter Island in a small boat and telephoned for assistance. The stranded soldiers and civilians were rescued and taken to Hart's Island on the Corrections Department tug Riker and remained there thawing out until a boat from Fort Totten took them home this afternoon. One of the shipwrecked was twelve-year-old Joe Walker of Whitestone, mascot of the Fort Totten basketball team, who has reached the conclusion that even mascots have their hoodoo days and nights.

THIRTY-THREE MEN AND DOZEN WOMEN IN PARTY.

Early last evening, before the snowstorm began, a party of thirty-three men and more than a dozen young women left Whitestone for Fort Slocum across the Sound in the 75-foot army motor launch L-61.

The men included Sergeant John Freely, in command of the launch, Private Chris Swademann, engineer, and First Class Private Felix Schlick, chief telegraph operator at Fort Totten, assistant engineer; the Fort Totten basketball team, soldiers and young women friends, and a civilian named Kearns of the Milton Arrow Athletic Club of Whitestone, who was to referee the match between the Fort Totten and Fort Slocum teams. The soldiers and their sweethearts were to remain to dance after the basketball game.

The party reached Fort Slocum without mishap at 7.10 P. M. In the basketball game Fort Totten was defeated, and the soldiers and girls from

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DIVORCE DECREE FOR MRS. W. BARNUM

Obtains Final Order in Paris for Desertion—She and Husband in New York.

PARIS, March 2.—Rowena Mabel Stewart Barnum of New York was to-day granted a final divorce decree in the French courts from her husband, Walter Barnum, on grounds of desertion.

Records in the County Clerk's office show that Walter Barnum filed a suit for absolute divorce from Rowena Stewart Barnum on Jan. 5, 1918, and that it was discontinued on the motion of counsel for Mr. Barnum on May 15, 1918.

Secrecy surrounded the action then, only a summons being filed. Phoenix Ingraham, No. 129 Broadway, had been named referee to hear the evidence.

LADY RHONDDA FIRST WOMAN TO SIT IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Daughter of Late Food Controller Victor in Long Fight for Recognition.

TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

New Member of Upper House Is Wife of Sir Humphrey Mackworth.

LONDON, March 2 (Associated Press).—The petition of Lady Rhondra to sit in the House of Lords was granted by the Committee on Privileges of the House of Lords to-day. If she takes the seat awarded her by this ruling she will be the first woman to sit in the Upper House of the British Parliament, as Lady Astor was in the Lower Chamber.

Lady Rhondra is the daughter of the late Viscount Rhondra, Great Britain's war-time Food Controller, who died in 1914 from an illness brought on by overwork. He left no male heir, his only child being the daughter, wife of Sir Humphrey Mackworth.

The new member is a peeress in her own right, having been elevated to the title of Viscountess in 1918. To-day's decision, it was presumed, affects all the peeresses in the United Kingdom. There are twenty-three of these.

Lord Donoughmore presided over the committee, composed of Lord Lestrange, Haldane, Chelmsford, Hylton, Wrenbury, Phillimore and Asquith.

After Lady Rhondra's right to the present title was established her counsel argued that the sex disqualification removal act clearly applied to a case like the present, and that the disability existing in the past now being removed Lady Rhondra was entitled to sit in the House of Lords.

After further argument the Attorney General, on behalf of the Crown, said he raised no objection to the petition, which was therefore granted.

Lady Rhondra thus becomes the first woman to sit in the House of Lords.

Interviewed after the decision, Lady Rhondra expressed her delight that the case had gone in her favor.

AUTO PLUNGES AGAINST LOCOMOTIVE; 4 HURT

Accident at Grade Crossing at Roselle, N. J.

Two men and two women were injured in a grade crossing accident at midnight at Roselle, N. J. An automobile came around a sharp curve that obstructed the driver's view and plunged against a Baltimore and Ohio freight engine attached to a train and standing on the crossing.

Those hurt were: Otto Kaufman, No. 20 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, N. J., fracture of skull; Mrs. Kaufman, injured; Irma Kaufman, aged sixteen, their daughter, possible fracture of hip, and Frank Farrara, New Brunswick, driver of the car, bruised. Kaufman and Farrara were thrown from the machine. All were taken to Elizabeth General Hospital.

YOUNG HUSBAND RUNS AWAY WITH MOTHER-IN-LAW

Wife and Father-in-Law Start Divorce Proceedings After Elopement.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., March 2.—Two divorce suits are pending in the Mason County Circuit Court here to-day because Carl Kellum, twenty-three years old, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Addie Gallagher, forty-five, ran off together, according to the petitions filed by Mrs. Ina Gallagher Kellum, eighteen, against her husband, and John Gallagher, fifty-five, against his wife.

Mrs. Kellum says she was married two years ago and was very happy on her husband's farm, four miles from here. A short time ago, she alleges, her mother, who lived on an adjoining farm, ran off with Kellum and never returned.



VISCOUNTESS RHONDDA.

FIRE AT FUNERAL BURNS MOURNERS WATCHING COFFIN

Lighted Candle Sets Drapings About Casket Ablaze—Rescued by Firemen.

Drapings around the coffin in which lay the body of eight-year-old Tony Zarcarese on the second floor of No. 87 Sackman Street, Brooklyn, were set afire by a falling candle at 8 o'clock this morning. Seated about the body of the boy, who died of influenza Tuesday, were his parents, Antonio and Lucia, and a number of their friends.

All of them caught at the burning hangings in an effort to keep the flames from reaching the casket. The fire was scattered all through the room.

Policeman Bolin of the Liberty Avenue Station and firemen of Hook and Ladder No. 107 under Lieut. William Morris helped the mourners out to the street. The coffin, untouched by the fire, was carried by the firemen to the undertaking shop of Argetta Tartone at Sackman Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Ambulances from St. Mary's and Bushwick Hospitals took Mr. and Mrs. Zarcarese, Mrs. Carmela Cillo of No. 175 Rockaway Avenue, Ralph Lonzere of No. 87 Beekman Street, and Antonio Nozzio of No. 2284 Atlantic Avenue to Kings County Hospital. All of them had been severely burned about the face, arms and hands.

MARY PICKFORD WINS VERDICT

Mrs. Wilkenning Loses Her Suit for \$108,000 in the Federal Court.

A sealed verdict opened at 10.30 A. M. to-day in the Federal Court decided in favor of Mary Pickford in the case that has been on trial before Judge Mack for a week. The jury handed in the verdict after deliberating three hours.

Mrs. Cora C. Wilkenning claimed \$108,000 for placing Miss Pickford in the million dollar class of screen stars. The case hinged on an interview Mrs. Wilkenning says took place Dec. 7, 1916, which Mary denies.

In charging the jury Judge Mack said one side or the other had "deceived, enticed, seduced, lured, and enticed." Miss Pickford said she was expecting to return to the Pacific Coast to-day or to-morrow.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SAFE RIFLED BY ROBBER; RECORDS BELIEVED STOLEN

HYLAN THREATENS DRASTIC ACTION TO STOP SUBWAY JAM

Tells Hedley Service "Trimming" Is Another Form of Trimming Public.

Threatening to use the powers vested by law in the Department of Health if his directions are not followed, Mayor Hylan to-day demanded of President Frank Hedley of the Interborough that his corporation comply with the terms of its contract with the city and increase subway facilities. The conclusion of a letter sent by the Mayor to President Hedley reads:

"If you persist in profiting by and capitalizing the dillydallying official action, or rather inaction, of the State Transit Commission I am constrained to advise you that resort will be had to drastic means to end your policy of artificially creating abominable conditions of congestion and to cause the putting to full use all the subway equipment available and possible of operation."

The Mayor advises Mr. Hedley that he does not approve of the proposition to "stagger" traffic movements during the rush hours, which was suggested by the Health Commissioner. He declares that the idea that the public should be made to conform to its habits, desires and business needs to the operating inefficiencies of the Interborough is unthinkable.

The contract of the Interborough with the city, the Mayor says, calls for "safe and adequate" transportation at a 5-cent fare. The Mayor calls attention to the 187 1/2 per cent. dividends earned and \$12,000,000 surplus earned by the Interborough in fifteen years. Quoting Mr. Hedley's testimony before the Transit Commission that the non-rush hour service has been cut down 33 per cent. below that of 1916, the Mayor says:

"It is obvious that on neither the east side line nor the west side line do you maintain the headway which was maintained five years ago on the ten subway lines and which at that time was far below what traffic conditions required or what the people had a right to expect. This policy of deliberately withholding from use the available Interborough equipment in order to 'trim' operation is utterly unwarranted and must cease."

This policy of coldly whittling down train service so as to maintain "rush" hour conditions throughout the entire day, including "non-rush" hour periods, must stop. This "trimming" of service, to use your own language, is another form of trimming the public, and it not only violates your contract with the city but produces a traffic condition which is a menace to the life, the health and the morals of the traveling public and the community."

LOSES \$25,000 GEMS ON TRAIN OR IN TAXI

Wife of Former Montgomery Ward President Can't Recall Which.

CHICAGO, March 2.—Mrs. Robert U. Thorne, wife of the former President of Montgomery Ward & Co., reported to the police the loss of jewels valued at \$25,000.

Mrs. Thorne returned to Chicago yesterday from South Carolina. She was unable to remember whether she had left the jewels, which were in her hand bag, on the train or in a taxicab.

Police Secretive About Robbery and Await Return of Chairman From Albany—Telephone Call Let News Out.

Vault Dented and Scratched, Showing Combination Had Been Attacked—Desk Drawer Also Pried Open.

For twenty-four hours Detective Fitzgerald and others of the Old Slip Station have been trying to find out something about the visit of a robber to the office of William A. Prendergast, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, in the commission's rooms at No. 30 Church Street, between Tuesday evening and yesterday morning. If friends of Commissioner Prendergast had not telephoned from Albany to ask what the police were doing about it, if anything, the matter would have been kept longer a secret by the detectives.

Even to-day they were very mysterious. The safe bore dents and scratches, showing the combination had been attacked. The top drawer of Mr. Prendergast's desk had been pried open and the contents rudely disturbed. Mr. Prendergast kept a copy of the combination numbers in that drawer. Perhaps, said Detective Fitzgerald, the robber knew this, obtained the combination, opened the safe and closed it again. Perhaps valuable papers had been taken from the safe.

But this would not be known, he said, until Commissioner Prendergast returned from Albany and told the detectives "whether he has with him certain documents which are ordinarily kept in the safe, but are not now in their places."

When asked why this information could not be gained by telephone the detective expressed impatience with "outside interference." Meantime, it is understood that fingerprints of persons in the "intelligence service" of certain large corporations are being examined.

LIVING COST INQUIRY BY STATE PLANNED

Bill Would Create Trade Commission With Present Powers of Lockwood Committee.

ALBANY, March 2.—Creation of a State Trade Commission similar to the Federal Trade Board, with all the present powers of the Lockwood Housing Committee and additional powers of inquiry over the subjects relating to the costs of living, is sought to be provided in one of eleven bills introduced in the Legislature to-day by the Lockwood Housing Committee.

AGREE TO REDUCE U. S. ARMY TO 115,000

Sub-Committee Drafts Bill Cutting Enlisted Force From 137,000 Men.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Reduction of the size of the regular army to 115,000 enlisted men has been tentatively agreed upon by the sub-committee drafting the Army Appropriation Bill. It became known to-day.

The present strength of the army is approximately 137,000 men.